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Filed: June 20, 2001
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

We draw the attention of the Examiner to the attached non-English Office Actions issued on the corresponding Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-231243 and 2002-363391.

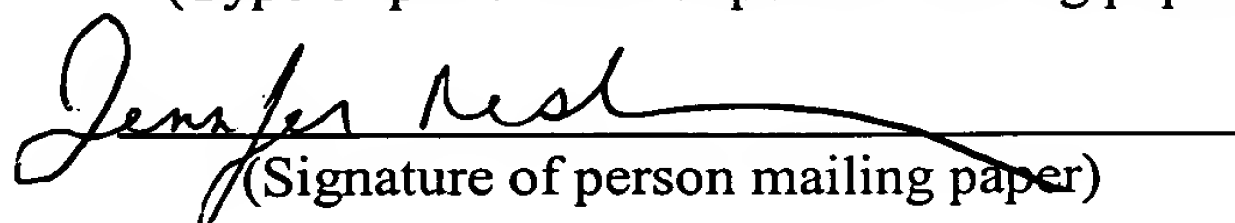
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4,644,793	2/1987	Church	73	505	
	AB	5,295,386	3/1994	Okada	73	1 D	
	AC	5,365,799	11/1994	Okada	73	862.041	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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							YES	NO
	AL	91/14285	9/1991	WO			X	
	AM	3 200038	9/1991	JP				X
	AN	4 84725	3/1992	JP				X
	AO	5 26744	2/1993	JP				X
	AP	5 40040	2/1993	JP				X
	AQ	5 60787	3/1993	JP				X
	AR	5 248872	9/1993	JP				X

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Dates, Etc.)

	AS	English Abstract of JP 4 84725 Dated: March 18, 1992
	AT	English Abstract of JP 5 40040 Dated February 19, 1993
	AU	English Abstract of JP 5 60787 Dated March 12, 1993
	AV	English Abstract of JP 5 248872 Dated September 28, 1993

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